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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a three-count indictment¹ charging that on February 5, 2009, defendant Hyman Garcia possessed with intent to distribute approximately 5.2 grams of cocaine base (“crack”), and a loaded firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, inside his apartment, located in Allentown, PA. Garcia is also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Hyman Garcia	Allentown, PA	29 years old

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum term of 15 years, an \$8 million fine, a mandatory minimum of eight years to a lifetime of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$300.

The case was investigated by the Allentown Police Department Vice Unit, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Lehigh County District Attorney’s Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary A. Futcher.

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